

2. The VEC is actively working to increase the total number of UI Claims (as defined in the Settlement Order) adjudicated each week. For the week ending June 26, 2021, the total number of UI Claims adjudicated was 9,598.

3. Since the Settlement Order was entered on May 25, 2021, the VEC and the Plaintiffs' Advocates (collectively, the "Parties") have met in-person on two occasions to exchange information and discuss the VEC's progress towards meeting the completion standards set out in the Settlement Order. The Parties have calendared an additional date in July for a conference call if needed.

4. The VEC also continues to hire additional adjudication hearing officers. Although the VEC has lost 17 staff for various reasons, it expects to hire an additional 11 hearing officers in July. The VEC continues to recruit and interview for hearing officer positions. Further, the VEC is utilizing contract staff to perform adjudication work. As of June 14, the VEC had brought on 100 contract adjudicators, and an additional 70 to 80 contract adjudicators will begin work on or about July 6. The VEC expects to add an additional 100 contract adjudicators on or about July 19.

5. Given the VEC's progress to date, the Defendant was hopeful the Parties would file a joint status report as contemplated in Paragraph 6 of the Settlement Order. The VEC is not aware of any material dispute or disagreement regarding the VEC's progress toward the completion standards set out in the Settlement Order. Although we provided a draft of this report and asked for comments, the Plaintiffs' Advocates have indicated their desire to file a separate report. Despite ongoing regular updates and two in-person meetings between the VEC and Plaintiffs' Advocates, it is not clear to the Defendant what disputed matters, if any, exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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